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Billy Vaughn, Popular Baritone, Wounded

Word has reached here that Pto William Vaughn, of the 113th Highlanders, has been gassed and wounded in France. He is now in a military hospital. Pto Vaughn was widely known all over the south, where he has lived for years. He was a well-known barber, and a baritone singer of exceptional ability. His wounds are not serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Neophi McLean are here from Hillspring, where their home now is. They are here mainly to prepare for the approaching marriage of their son, Oliver, to Miss Coombs, of Iowa.

Good progress is being made with the new electric light plant at the Ellison mill. Two weeks more ought to see the lights on again.

Last Wednesday evening in the Knight Academy gymnasium, the first ward parents' class gave their annual social. The affair was a grand success, and it will no doubt, stimulate renewed interest in the very important work taken up in this branch of the Sunday School.

The coal situation is somewhat improved. It is hoped the agents get right after the companies showing them that Raymond needs a regular supply. A new coal firm started up last week, the promoters being E. E. Peterson and Thos. J. O'Brien, both local business men.

"In Walked Jimmy," Thursday evening of last week and played to a packed house. George H. Summers, a formerly noted his past reputation as one of Canada's foremost actors. This company will tour the northwestern states, winding up the tour in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

OPERA HOUSE ONE NIGHT ONLY Friday, Jan. 26th

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The Godfellow's Club, consisting of Messrs Hicken, Holmes, Brewerton, Campbell, and Stobbe, gave a very successful dance in the Opera House last Friday evening in aid of the Patriotic Fund. It was one of the jolliest affairs of the season. Twenty-five dollars was netted for the Fund.

Two local men, V. Heggie and E. Day, have leased the Oddfellows hall, and will operate a dance hall and roller rink. The opening dance was held Wednesday.

D. B. Fowler, manager of the Raymond pharmacy, was a business visitor to Carleton Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neilson returned from their honeymoon to the south Monday evening. Cards are out for their reception on Monday evening next.

Most of the Raymond people who were excursionists to Utah for the holidays have returned. Grant Card will visit the Pacific coast on route home.

Existing Agree- ment May Be Modified: Some Bad Features

It is not likely that the town will receive electricity under the old arrangement between the company and the municipality. When the contract was drawn up, conditions were far different than they are to-day. Times have changed. Labor and the cost of production generally has gone up. Carbon lights were, then used, tungsten are used now. The company contend, also, that there is a consumption of electricity somewhere for which they do not get a cent. In other words there is some "tapping" going on. The company feel that there should be some changes in the contract before the lights are turned on from the Ellison mill. There is some justice in their contention, and the Leader believes the council will give the matter serious consideration. The people want the lights, and they are going to have them. The Knight Sugar company must supply the lights under the terms of their contract which is a very binding one. The Knight Sugar company did not play fair with Raymond when the lights were suddenly turned off. They should have provided an adequate source of supply.

The Rex theatre opened this week. The management is using compressed gas for their pictures. A party consisting of Walter Rouse, Dick Kinsey and David Powell have been in B. C. during the past week looking over ranch lands in the Fraser Valley. They also visited Vancouver, Victoria and other coast cities.

Now this is a time of economy and thrift. If the "leaks" in the electric light system can be stopped, thereby putting it on at least a running basis, then let it come. Once put the system on a paying basis and the service will be first class. But no one is in the best of humor when the ledger shows a deficit every month. The company and the council will do well to meet and come to a definite and agreeable understanding.

"The Rosary," one of the most beautiful plays now running on the American stage, plays a return engagement at the Opera House next Friday evening, Jan. 26th. Frank Ireson, the great character actor, will appear again at Victor Kelly, assisted by an all-star cast. The Leader can heartily recommend this fine production to its readers. They will be edified in every way by seeing "The Rosary." Book your seats at the pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty and Miss Leah are wintering in Salt Lake.

The Raymond School Board met last week for reorganization purposes. W. B. Nalder was elected chairman and George T. Wield secretary-treasurer. The board is already down to real work, and a year of big things is expected.

W. B. Nalder and wife returned from a pleasant month's holiday in Idaho last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Seyell also returned.

L. Thompson, Will Thompson and R. Milner have leased a roller skating rink in Calgary for the winter, the only one in the city!

Dr. Greenaway is in New Dayton busy with the measles which are prevalent there. The doctor warns Raymond people to look out for an outbreak here before long. He is taking every precaution possible to combat the disease.

The sick child of Mr. and Mrs. Whitesell of New Dayton, was brought into town for treatment, and is now under the care of Dr. Greenaway and is doing nicely. The doctor wishes it known that he has first-class accommodations for people outside of town who wish medical assistance.

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Raymond Man Chats With Mrs. Bamberger

L. D. King returned recently from a pleasant holiday and rest in Utah. Most of his time he spent in the Utah metropolis, Salt Lake City, and speaks in glowing terms of the city. He was at the inaugural of Gov. Simon Bamberger, shaking that gentleman's hand, also the hand of Mrs. Bamberger.

"I have come all the way from Canada to see you," said Mr. King to the host lady of Utah.

"Well, what a long journey," she replied smiling. "I have read about your wonderful country, but they all say it is so terribly cold."

Little did Mrs. Bamberger think when she made that statement that Southern Alberta was revealing its sunshine and loveliness that could make California look like the Yukon on New Year's day.

Mr. King saw most of the Canadian colony and they all appear to be prospering. One pleasant surprise was the marriage of Grant Young, formerly publisher of the Leader. Mr. Young had no sooner rid himself of the discipline of military life than he took on far more exacting duties in the form of work with a young and beautiful Salt Lake girl.

Wanted Hides

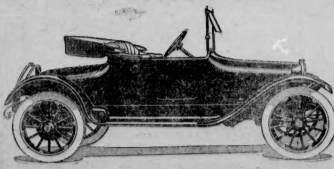
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Live News of Busy Magrath

Preparations are underway for the Country Show and feed fair which will be held next Thursday and Friday. The year-end may be held from the newly elected secretary, treasurer, Ed Magrath.

It is the intention of the Society to hold one of the best shows in its history. The officers are leading every effort to that end. New life has taken hold of the directors and they are out for big things in 1917. Everyone who has good poultry or seed grain should enter their stuff. It is the duty of every citizen to cooperate with the directors in making these events a success.

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The extent of the German enslavement of the Belgians, an act which will go down in history as one of the worst crimes ever perpetrated on a conquered people, is shown in letters received by Leo Van Assel from relatives residing in Holland. According to this correspondent, the white slaves seized and shipped into the interior of Germany are divided among the principal cities as follows:

Antwerp 26,000, Brussels 23,000, Ghent 40,000, Schaerbeek, which has a population of about 8,000, 2,000 Moerbeke 30,000, Lokeren 8,000, Tienen, all males from seventeen to sixty.

One note in the letter is that of the fate befalling many Belgians who try to escape across the Hol- and-Belgium frontier. This line is protected by an electrically charged wire fence, and many are electrocuted in trying to pass this dangerous barrier.

Old Folks Guests of Honor at Party

Wednesday the semi-annual Old Folks party was held in the Assembly Hall. One hundred thirty sat down to the bounteous repast provided by the committee. After the reading of a pleasing program the guests all repaired to the Empress theatre, where Manager Godfrey presented an all-feature program. In the evening dancing was indulged in until midnight. Among the out-of-town guests were Pres. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Tollestrup, of Raymond. The oldest lady present was Mrs. West, of Mt. View, and the oldest gentleman, Mr. Heber MacBride, of Welling.

Attention Citizens!

Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the upper rooms of the town hall a mass meeting will be held to discuss the electric light proposition. His Worship Mayor Bennion has called this meeting with the view of feeling the pulse of the people with respect to this important question. The mayor has the right idea and it is hoped that every ratepayer will attend the meeting. **Boost for a Bigger and Better Magrath.**

Council Holds Busy Session

The first meeting in 1917 of the town council was held Wednesday in the town hall. There were present Mayor Bennion and Aldermen Tanner, Heninger, Gibb and Wood. The mayor spoke briefly in opening, expressing pleasure at the prospect of working with such a worthy body of men in the upbuilding of Magrath. He thought the policy of the council should be a curtailment of expenditures as far as possible, even though the town was in better financial condition than ever before in her history. He suggested more activity on the part of committees and their vote on certain important measures, but all must vote under the system suggested.

The mayor then announced his standing committees for the following year:

FINANCE: Gibb, Wood, Biris, WORKS AND PROPERTY: Tanner, Heninger, Karren. HEALTH AND RELIEF: Karren, Biris, Heninger.

HEALTH BOARD: Dr. Dice, Mayor Bennion, Melvin Godfrey, Edward Hodges and D. T. Fowler.

P. Doe was present and reported that the health of the town was exceptionally good. He had no recommendations to make. He was reappointed M.H.O. at a yearly salary of \$150.

The matter of the town solicitor was brought up by Ald. Heninger. He said the town council thought the salary paid the solicitor was money wasted. What legal work that was necessary could be done cheaper than they were now paying. Ald. Tanner was not quite convinced that the solicitor could be advantageously disposed with, so moved that the matter be tabled for another meeting.

The secretary read the auditor's report for the quarter ending Jan. 1st. The report showed the town to have a credit at the Royal Bank, including all resources, of \$1587.60. There was a debiture due in February for \$800 and one in June for \$1000.

Ald. Heninger spoke on the question of a gymnasium and library for the town. He thought it was urgently needed. He suggested converting the upper story of the town hall into a library, and building an extension on the back of the hall for a gymnasium. He was willing even to bond the town for the amount needed to put such a proposition through.

The other committee were greatly in favor of a gymnasium, but the question was such a large one, that it was thought best to refer it to committee for further investigation.

The discussion then focused on the electric light scheme, resulting in the passage of a motion that a public meeting be held Monday to lay before the citizens the offer of the Northwestern Engineering and Supply Co.

The marriage was recently solemnized of two of Magrath's best known young people, Miss Ida Fossey and Mr. Clifford Whitt. They are now on their wedding tour, visiting the principal Pacific coast cities.

The metal sheeting is now being put on the new elevator, the building being finished up to that point.

Burch and Edwards, of Taber, are plastering the new Empress theatre.

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